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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re/ Application of G. Searfos III, M. Pagnoni,
Y. D. Ivashchenko, K. Guo and K. L. Clark
Application No. 10/018,030
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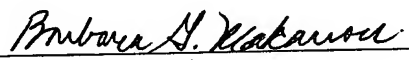
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Variants of Traf2 Which Act as an
Inhibitor of TNF-alpha (TNF α) Signaling Pathway

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**Reply to Examiner's Requirement for Restriction
Election, As Set Forth in the Action Dated September 10, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Requirement for Restriction, as set forth in the Action dated September 10, 2004, applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of


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Group I, that is, Claims 1, 3, and 5. Applicants confirm their right to file a divisional application which includes the non-elected claims (Claims 2, 4, and 6 to 32).

The Requirement for Restriction includes also an additional requirement of election of a polypeptide. Applicants hereby elect the TRAF2TR polypeptide, which is depicted in the application as Figure 2b and identified as SEQ ID NO: 2.

Respectfully submitted,


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